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1. In February 1953 the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) established a liaison office at Chanchiang (N 21-11, E 110-24) to handle maritime shipments between China and the DRV. Between 1 March and 31 May 1953, more than 320 DRV shipping personnel, including sailors and apprentices, left the DRV areas for the office at Chanchiang. By 1 August 420 DRV seamen were participating in training programs at Chanchiang.
2. The Chanchiang office was assisted by the 101 Branch of the Chinese Communist General Supply and Service Command in developing an effective DRV sea transportation service and providing a vessel repair base at Chanchiang. The DRV liaison office at Chanchiang had the following units under its command:
  - a. The Cooperative Dockyard, built at Hsiying by the DRV. By 1 August the yard was capable of building sailing vessels up to 100 tons and equipping them with auxiliary motors.
  - b. The China branch of the DRV Seamen's Union.
  - c. A navigator's training class.
  - d. The Sino-Vietminh Shipping Company, which by 1 August had 14 power vessels plying between Chanchiang and Vietnam.
3. Between February and 1 August the Chanchiang Lumber Company made frequent purchases of lumber for ship construction, such as chienmu (0494/2602) and limu (2929/2606), for the DRV liaison office at Chanchiang.
4. On 1 October the Chinese Communists delivered ten 30-ton, six 25-ton, and eight 20-ton vessels to the DRV representatives at Chanchiang. CH'EN Ch'ing-shan (7115/7230/1472), political commissar of the Construction Department of the

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Central and South China Naval Command, directed the exchange ceremonies. Officials at the ceremony were WU Kuang (2976/0342), secretary of the Kwangsi District Party Committee, FANG Hua (2455/5478), mayor of Chanchiang, HUANG Ch'ang-ch'ing (7806/1603/7230), chief of the DFV liaison office at Chanchiang, and HUANG Ch'un-ming (7806/2504/2494), manager of the Sino-Vietnam Shipping Company.



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